

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 4507.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4507) granting a pension to Johanna Teubner, have examined the same and report:

The petitioner in this case applied for pension under the general law, as the widow of Capt. Augustus C. Teubner, but her claim was rejected on the following grounds:

The name of Augustus C. Teubner is not borne on the register of the commissioned officers or on the rolls of the One hundred and sixty-third New York Volunteers. This regiment had but six companies, A to F, inclusive. Company G was never organized. The battalion was consolidated with the Seventy-third New York in January, 1863. Although the alleged officer may have been commissioned by the governor of his State, there is no provision of law under which pension would be allowed in his case.

Under the order of the Secretary of War authorizing General Spinola to raise a brigade, the claimant's husband, Augustus C. Teubner, proceeded to recruit a company, and on or about the 15th of September, 1862, he had recruited eighty-nine men ready for active service, as appears by the muster-in roll of said battalion on file in this case, and he was commissioned as captain by Governor Horatio Seymour, as appears by the commission also on file. Before the company could be mustered into the United States service, however, Teubner, as a result of his overexertion and anxiety in performing these services, was taken suddenly sick with brain fever, which disease developed into softening of the brain from which he died at Blackwell's Island Insane Asylum, January 15, 1863. His company was accordingly consolidated with the Seventy-third New York, and mustered in as a part of said regiment at just about this time.

Your committee, considering these facts: That Teubner collected a full complement of men for a company, was commissioned and mustered by the State, and had his company all ready for muster into the United States service; that said company was actually mustered into such service, but that, in consequence of his illness and death, said Teubner was unable to be mustered as captain; and that the widow, now sixty-five years of age, finds herself without the means of support, recommend the passage of this bill.